

# Action Research

## Chapter 9

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# What is Action Research

- ◆ Action researchers typically use their own students in their study.
- ◆ The teacher-researcher usually participates in the research.
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- ◆ During the action research process, the researcher collects data twice.
- ◆ An individual teacher typically is the person to perform an action research study.

# Types of Action Research

## Practical Action Research

- ◆ The study of a specific issue to inform immediate practice.
- ◆ *Example:* A teacher wants to evaluate the use of immediate feedback to improve the motivation of his/her fifth grade reading class.

## “The Most Common Action Research”



# Types of Action Research

## Political Action Research

## Advocating for the rights

- ◆ Designed to precipitate change on a important issue. Important vehicle for advocating for the rights of children or people with little power.
- ◆ *Example:* A teacher wants to study the effect of providing an adult learning community for parents of children in her classroom.





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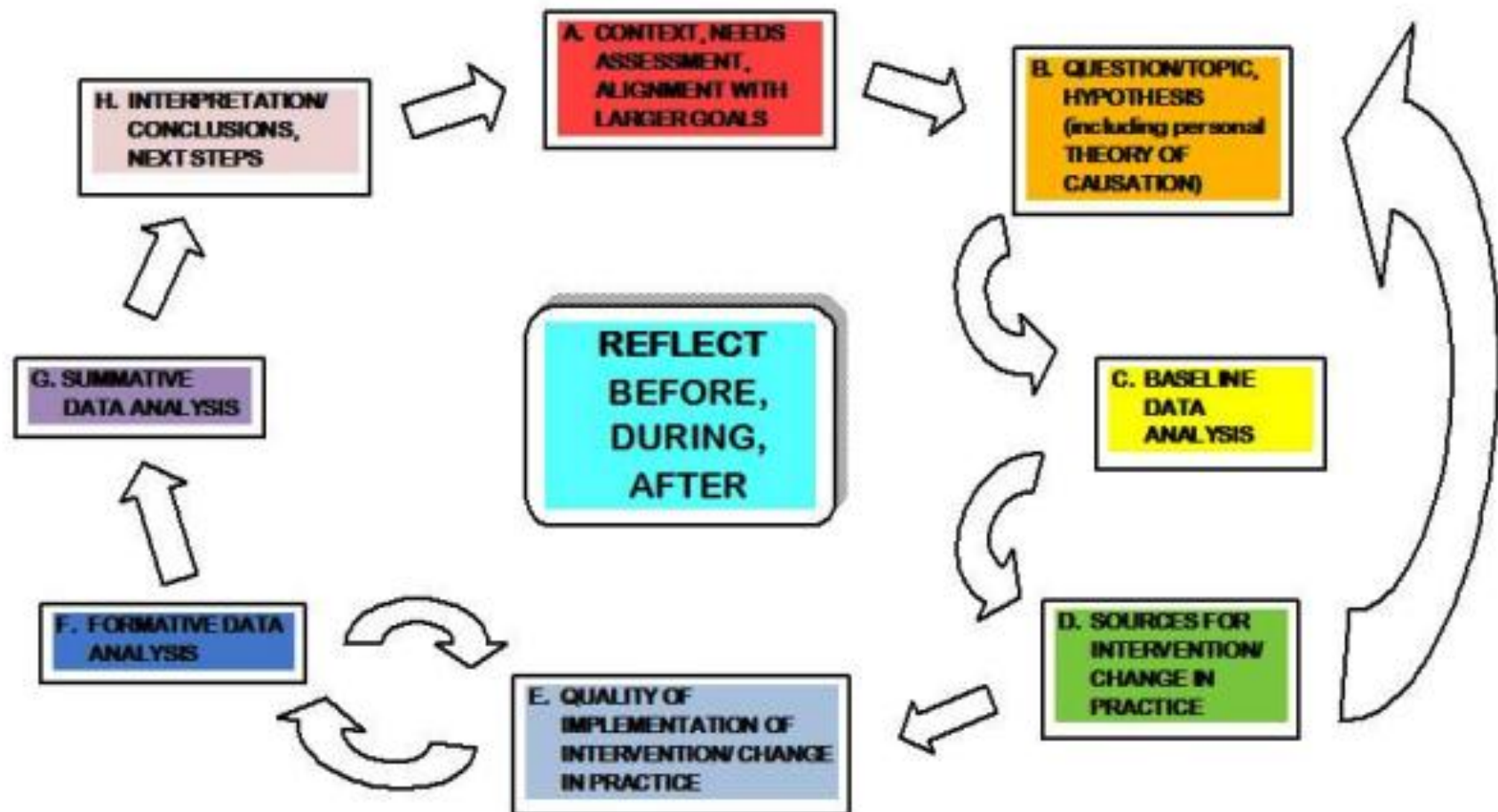
## Participatory Action Research

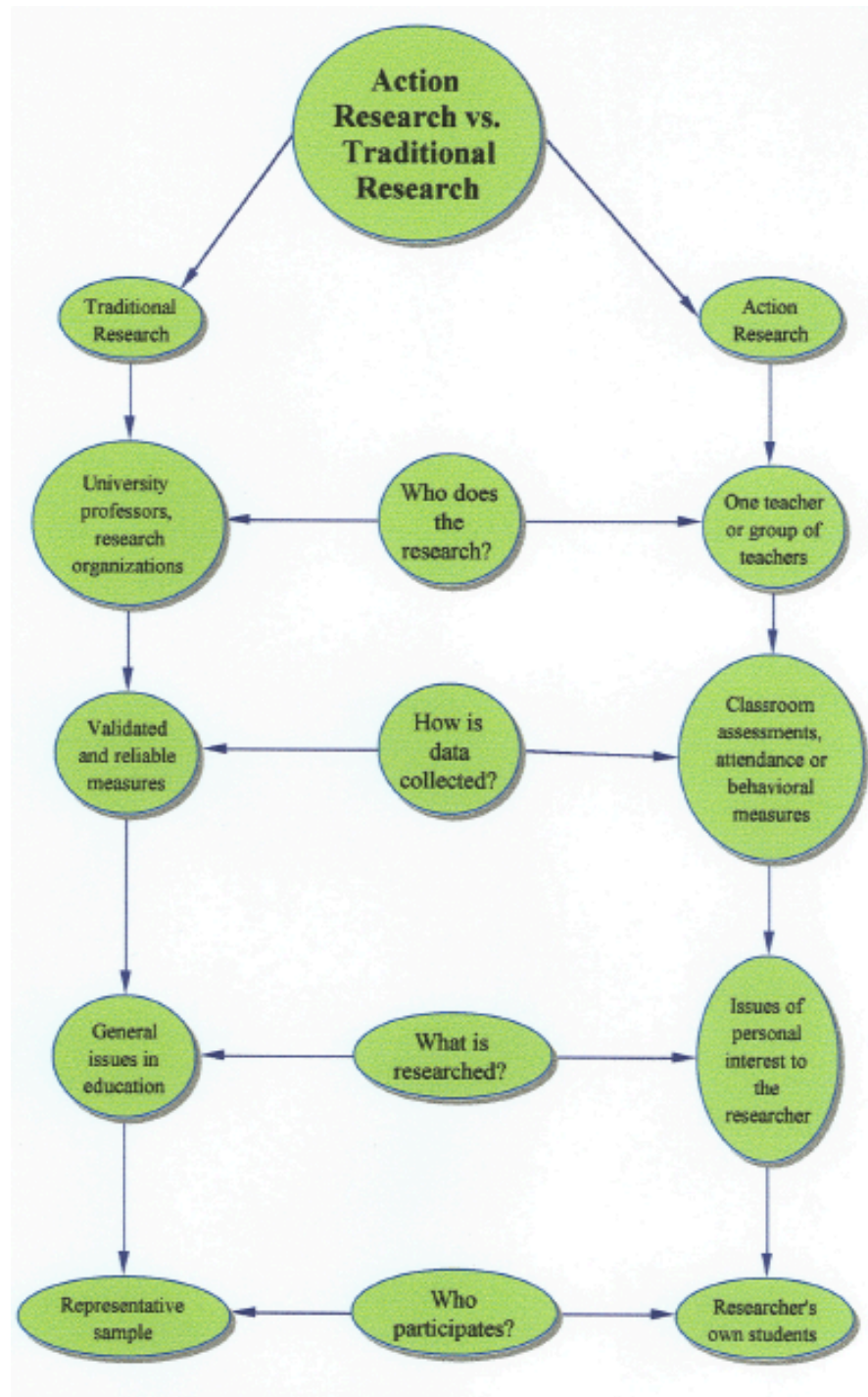
- ◆ A collaborative effort to study and solve a common problem.
- ◆ *Example:* The staff of a school wants to conduct a study to evaluate the effectiveness of a new attendance program that the school has initiated.

## Includes Stakeholders



# Action Research Model





Action  
Research

versus

Traditional  
Research